

Amendment under 37 CFR 1.111
Application No. 09/914,356
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61 product of a crosslinkable compound which has a reactive double
bond and a glycidyl group in its molecule. --

62 -- 6. (Amended) The metal chelate-forming fiber according
to claim 5, wherein said vegetable fiber is a cellulosic
fiber. --

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REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 1 and 6 have been amended in the application. Currently, claims 1-18 are pending in the application.

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to list U.S. Patent No. 6,156,075, applied by the Examiner, on a PTO-892 form since it was not previously included.

Claim 6 was rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The Examiner stated that claim 6 was indefinite because the presence of the word "type" implies the presence of undisclosed celulosic compounds and renders it difficult to determine the metes and bounds for which patent protection is being sought. By this amendment, the word "type" has been deleted to clarify this claim. It is respectfully